

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Township Hall 3031 S. Athey Ave, Clare, MI 48617

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bednerek with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jim Griffor, Matthew Bednerek, Jim Walter, Anna Sharp, Janice LaRose

AGENDA: Items added: Contract for ISP Management. Church paying for their own garbage pick-up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 4 2019 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from December 10, 2019 Financial Distress Grant Meeting, and December 16, 2019 Review applications for Clerk and Trustee and make the appointments for the open positions.

Sharp motioned to accept December 4 minutes as written, Walter seconded

Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried

Sharp motioned to accept December 10 minutes as corrected, Bednerek seconded

Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried

Walter motioned to accept December 16 minutes as written, Bednerek seconded

Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Monthly report on all bank account activity and projected general fund balance with current encumbrances, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for December, and listing of checks from December journal read aloud.

Walter motioned to accept, Bednerek seconded.

Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Sharp motioned to approve reimbursables and additional bills.

Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried

PUBLIC COMMENT / GUEST SPEAKERS: Jeffery Smith asked about the Republic waste bins at the cemetery as to when they should be put out to the road for Republic to pick up. It was decided to put them out on the last pick up day. Mark Fitzpatrick gave an update on County Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Water erosion of hall foundation:** Javian Coats and Jim Griffor looked at the damage. There is a possibility to have much of the necessary repairs and preventative work done via donations and volunteers.

Bednerek motioned to table the issue until March, Walter seconded.

Roll call: Griffor – yes, Bednerek – yes, Walter – yes, Sharp – yes, LaRose – yes. Motion carried to revisit in March.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Voting machine maintenance contract:** Clerk LaRose presented the ElectionSource payment plan for the extended maintenance of the voting equipment through March 2026. This will reduce the annual fee by \$175 to begin payments March 2020. Annual payments will be \$440. Sharp motioned to begin the maintenance plan payments, Bednerek seconded
Roll Call: Griffor – yes, Bednerek – yes, Walter – yes, Sharp – yes, LaRose – Yes; motion carried
- **Election Inspectors – 4 needed:** Three elections this year. We need to make sure we have enough committed and back up inspectors. There must be an even balance between Republican and Democrat for transparency. It was suggested to reach out to the college to see if there may be students in need of credits for participating in government. Clerk LaRose will research the student option as well as contact individuals on our current list and the list of certified inspectors provided by the county.

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2020

- **Appointment of planning commission vacancies:** Supervisor Bedn^{do}rek motioned to make a Resolution to appoint to following individuals to fill the seats becoming vacant January 2020:
Jim Griffor as Board Representative in lieu of the Clerk
Kurt Krug to replace Dave Sunday
Marty Kleinhardt to replace Mark Fitzpatrick
Jeff Mulheron to replace John Pirosko
- **Direction for planning commission:** The first order of business for the Planning Commission will be to call a special meeting and to elect a chairperson. Next, arrange to meet with the new County Road Commission Manager to have him explain the difference of projects vs. maintenance and the split cost for each category i.e. 80/20, 50/50. Roads need priority for planning. Present a budget, annual report, and 3- or 5-year master plan, review zoning and present to the Township Board.
- **Appointment of board member to Board of Appeals:** Bednerek motioned to appoint Jim Walker as the board member to sit on the Board of Appeals. Sharp seconded.
Voice vote: All "ayes" – carried
- **Scheduling of budget and office detail workshops:**
First meeting scheduled for January 30, 2020 6:00 pm
- **Snow removal:** Would like to get quotes for snow removal. Currently Javian Coats is managing snow removal for the hall parking lot. Supervisor Bednerek wants to be sure he is adequately compensated.
- **Contract for ISP Management:** Supervisor Bednerek would like to negotiate new contract with ISP. The township has been paying the electric for the tower since installation. Compensation has not been fair. It has been difficult to contact anyone at ISP. Brenda Poet will try to get contact information.
- **Church garbage bin:** The church that shares our parking lot has been using our garbage bins. With the new company, the church should get their own bin and pay for their own pick up. Brenda Poet will provide a contact for the church.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by Janice LaRose, Clerk

accepted with correction
Janice K. LaRose, Clerk
2/10/2020